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DIST 3 AUGUST 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI : 2-3 AUGUST 1968

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE :

1. AT THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) STUDENTS WERE BEGINNING TO GATHER FOR A GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1100 HOURS ON 3 AUGUST. AT 1015 HOURS ABOUT 100 TO 200 STUDENTS HAD ASSEMBLED, WITH MORE ARRIVING. THERE IS SOME TALK ABOUT A DEMONSTRATION OR MARCH AFTER THE END OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. APPROXIMATELY 20 NEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE ON THE SCENE.

2. CLASSES AT IPN REMAIN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED. LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS (FNET) ARE STILL TRYING TO REASSUME CONTROL OF THE STUDENT BODY. THE FNET HAS CALLED FOR A SERIES OF MEETINGS ON 3 AUGUST WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL

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STUDENT GROUPS AND IPN SCHOOLS TO TRY TO REORGANIZE THE COURSE
OF ACTION.

3. ON 2 AUGUST WALL POSTERS APPEARED IN THE FOUR SCHOOLS OF THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO (UNAM) IN WHICH THE TROTSKYISTS AND RADICALS ARE MOST ACTIVE: PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS, LAW, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS. THE POSTERS PLACE THE BLAME FOR THE BRUTALITY AND REPRESSION OF THE POLICE AND MILITARY DURING THE PAST WEEK ON ALFONSO CORONA DEL ROSAL, MAYOR OF MEXICO CITY, AND LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT (GOBERNACION). AT 1830 HOURS ON 2 AUGUST STUDENTS FROM THE FOUR SCHOOLS STARTED BONFIRES IN FRONT OF THE UNAM RECTOR'S OFFICE. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS WERE BURNED, SYMBOLIZING STUDENT DISSATISFACTION WITH THE "SLANTED" PRESS COVERAGE OF THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AND WITH ALLEGED GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE PRESS. SOME STUDENTS AT THESE FOUR SCHOOLS ARE TRYING TO ORGANIZE ANOTHER MARCH FOR 6 AUGUST, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE VERY LITTLE ENTHUSIASM, INSIDE AND PARTICULARLY OUTSIDE OF THESE SCHOOLS, TO PARTICIPATE.

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4. THE "COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL STRIKE MOVEMENT" AT THE ZACATENCO UNIT OF IPN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A RALLY WILL BE HELD ON 5 AUGUST, WHICH STUDENTS OF THE CHAPINGO AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE ZACATENCO PROFESSIONAL UNIT CONTINUES ON STRIKE. UNAM STUDENT GROUPS HELD TWO RALLIES AT THE UNIVERSITY CITY ON 2 AUGUST, AT WHICH THEY CALLED THE DEMONSTRATION LED BY THE UNAM RECTOR THE PREVIOUS DAY AN "OFFICIAL FARCE." [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR FBI CINCSO.
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